

## Household Support Fund – Questions from Councillor Price

1. **Have the voluntary sector been consulted in running out the new scheme?**
2. **If so which organisations?**
3. **The section on households is a little bit unclear. Can you confirm if a household has to have someone with a disability in it or is it open to all household groups mentioned whether with a disability or not? In effect can households with one of the following issues only be allowed to apply – domestic abuse, large families, single income households, carers, vulnerable households experiencing exceptional financial hardship?**
4. **Again I very much welcome the introduction of the payment card as a very good option for households. Can you confirm if this has any restrictions on the retailers that can accept the cards (presuming that the retailer accepts credit/debit cards)?**
5. **With regards to the branding on the card, I hope it will just have the company logo (Mastercard/visa) and nothing to identify that it is funded through Bromley or the Household Support Fund.**
6. **Is there a standard amount that will be awarded to each household?**
7. **What is the time gap between when a household can apply to the fund again?**

We are planning to meet with our voluntary sector organisations, subject to sign off at Executive on Wednesday night. However we envisage working in strong partnership with those organisations to ensure that we have the reach required to support this particular cohort of eligible individuals.

The proposed eligible cohorts are residents suffering from domestic abuse, large families, single income households, carers, vulnerable households experiencing exceptional financial hardship these may or not have a disability.

There are no restrictions on the payment card, it works in the same way as a debit or credit card.

The card will not bear any branding related to Bromley Council or the Household Support Fund

There will be a standard amount of £200 awarded to each eligible household

The receipt of this funding isn't time-barred and applicants who are eligible for this tranche of funding will be permitted to receive assistance whilst funding remains available (regardless of previous awards).